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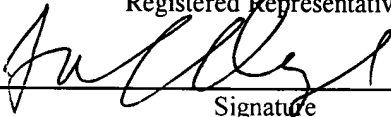
Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Certain of the claims have been objected to based upon informalities. Applicant has amended the claims and it is submitted that in view of the amendments, all objections should be withdrawn.

In view of the above, and the finding of allowable subject matter, it is submitted that all claims in this application are now in condition for allowance, prompt notification of which is requested.

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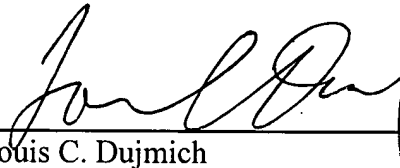


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